

Declaration of Public Health Emergency

M.G.L.c.17, s.2A: Governor Declaration of Public Health Emergency
or
Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950: Governor Declaration of State of
Emergency

Directive to Use Altered Standards of Care

When determined to be necessary to assure the maintenance of public
health and prevention of disease, Order issued by Commissioner of Public
Health (or Governor)
Directing the Use of Altered Standards of Care

Guiding Principles for Altered Standards of Care

As previously determined by DPH with consensus of Medical
Community and Consumers
DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES: Attachment A

**DPH Altered Standards of Care Advisory Committee of
Health Care Providers and Consumers**

In Advance:

- Recommend Priorities
- Develop Clinical Protocols

During Emergency:

- Review/Update Priorities and Clinical Protocols

Priorities

DPH sets Priorities for Use/Allocation of
Medical Resources
(Example – 2004 Commissioner Orders re
Priority for Influenza Vaccination)

**Clinical Protocols for Altered Standards of
Care**

Consistent with Guiding Principles for Altered
Standards of Care
(Example: Ventilator Use)